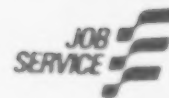




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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during August was estimated at 1,512,600, a decrease of 800 from the July revised figure but 12,400 above the comparable period a year ago. A decrease in the state's nonmanufacturing payrolls was responsible for the downturn in total nonagricultural employment. Manufacturing employment was higher for the current month.

Employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, estimated at 75,700 for August, was 700 higher than the July revised figure. A return to normal for some firms in the electrical and electronic equipment segment resulted in an upturn in employment for this industry.

Estimated employment in nondurable goods for August was up 800 above last month's level of 96,600. Food and kindred products employment was up due in large part to a seasonal increase in vegetable canning. The printing and publishing segment of nondurable goods moved down in August due to decreased demand for commercial printing. Chemicals and allied products employment increased by 200 in August.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing during August was estimated at 1,339,500, down 1,800 from July's estimate. Mining employment was up by 100 this month. An upturn in heavy construction was mainly responsible for the increase in construction employment. Transportation and public utilities employment increased due to more activity in certain segments of water transportation. Trade employment moved down due to less business in both wholesale and retail trade industries. A decrease in insurance employment accounted for most of the decline in the finance, insurance, and real estate segment. Increases in business services, health services and educational services were significant in the upward movement for total services employment. Government employment in August was down due to a decrease in local government, except education.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 126,500 production workers in manufacturing decreased from \$462.73 in July to \$460.32 in August, a decrease of \$2.41, but an increase of \$1.01 from August of last year. Average hourly earnings were \$0.19 lower in August than last month but five cents higher than August of last year. Weekly hours averaged 42.0 in August, an increase of 0.5 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 158,500. The unemployment rate for August was 8.3 percent. The comparable national unemployment rate for August was 5.1 percent. The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,908,000 workers. Estimated total employment decreased to 1,749,500 for the current month.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change from	
				July 1989	August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,512.6	1,513.4	1,500.2	+ 0.8	+12.4
MINING	57.4	57.3	56.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.7	54.6	54.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	90.4	90.1	87.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	173.1	172.1	171.5	+ 1.0	+ 1.6
Durable Goods	75.7	75.5	76.2	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.2	12.3	12.9	- 0.1	- 0.7
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.6	5.6	5.5	0	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.5	3.4	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	12.3	12.4	12.6	- 0.1	- 0.3
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.4	9.4	9.2	0	+ 0.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.5	6.1	7.0	+ 0.4	- 0.5
Transportation Equipment	23.2	23.3	23.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	97.4	96.6	95.3	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Food & Kindred Products	20.7	19.8	20.7	+ 0.9	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.8	10.7	9.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Paper & Allied Products	12.8	12.6	12.3	0	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	9.7	10.0	9.7	- 0.3	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	28.0	27.8	26.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.2	11.2	11.3	0	- 0.1
Petroleum Refining	10.3	10.3	10.4	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.5	4.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	110.1	109.9	108.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Railroad Transportation	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	64.5	64.2	62.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Water Transportation	26.4	26.2	25.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.5	40.6	40.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	18.1	18.2	18.1	- 0.1	0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.4	22.4	22.3	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	363.2	363.6	360.6	- 0.4	+ 2.6
Wholesale Trade	82.1	82.4	82.5	- 0.3	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.5	45.7	46.1	- 0.2	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.6	36.7	36.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	281.1	281.2	278.1	- 0.1	+ 3.0
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	60.3	60.0	58.3	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Food Stores	55.9	55.9	54.5	0	+ 1.4
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.5	29.9	30.3	- 0.4	- 0.8
Eating & Drinking Places	85.7	85.6	85.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Other Retail Trade	49.7	49.8	49.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(in Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change from	
				July 1989	August 1988
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	79.6	80.2	82.2	- 0.6	- 2.6
Banking	22.7	22.8	23.5	- 0.1	- 0.8
SERVICES	329.9	329.4	326.3	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.0	21.0	21.5	0	- 0.5
Personal Services	14.3	14.4	14.8	- 0.1	- 0.5
Business Services	63.6	63.1	62.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.9	9.7	9.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.2	5.1	5.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.5	9.9	9.4	- 0.4	+ 0.1
Health Services	108.0	107.4	105.2	+ 0.6	+ 2.8
Legal Services	16.9	16.9	15.9	0	+ 1.0
Educational Services	15.2	14.7	16.6	+ 0.5	- 1.4
Social Services	18.1	18.6	17.7	- 0.5	+ 0.4
Membership Organizations	25.6	25.9	25.9	- 0.3	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Services	16.1	16.0	15.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	308.9	310.8	306.8	- 1.9	+ 2.1
Federal	36.9	36.7	36.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
State and Local	272.0	274.1	270.4	- 2.1	+ 1.6
State	86.5	86.5	86.1	0	+ 0.4
Local	185.5	187.6	184.3	- 2.1	+ 1.2

* Preliminary

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles MSA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '89*	July '89**		August '89*	July '89**		August '89*	July '89**	
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)									
Durable Goods	\$460.32	\$462.73	\$459.31	42.0	41.5	42.1	\$10.96	\$11.15	\$10.91
Lumber & Wood Products	418.58	417.54	415.25	41.9	41.3	42.2	9.99	10.11	9.84
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	370.44	366.24	353.13	42.0	42.0	42.7	8.82	8.72	8.27
Fabricated Metal Products	374.10	361.40	362.18	43.0	40.2	39.8	8.70	8.99	9.10
Machinery, ex. Electrical	432.72	443.87	427.84	44.2	44.7	44.8	9.79	9.93	9.55
Electric & Electronic Equip.	394.91	391.26	403.88	39.1	38.7	43.9	10.10	10.11	9.20
Transportation Equipment	512.40	501.83	538.02	42.0	41.1	43.6	12.20	12.21	12.34
	440.23	440.19	429.72	40.8	40.2	39.9	10.79	10.95	10.77
Nondurable Goods									
Food & Kindred Products	497.12	500.45	498.89	42.2	41.6	42.1	11.78	12.03	11.85
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	297.83	297.75	308.11	39.5	39.7	39.3	7.54	7.50	7.84
Paper & Allied Products	202.31	194.10	199.63	38.1	35.1	36.9	5.31	5.53	5.41
Printing & Publishing	564.02	558.96	575.51	42.6	41.1	43.5	13.24	13.60	13.23
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	391.09	384.30	396.79	37.0	36.6	38.3	10.57	10.50	10.36
Petroleum & Coal Products	733.58	732.99	713.18	46.4	46.1	45.6	15.81	15.90	15.64
Petroleum Refining	685.54	719.44	689.30	44.4	46.0	45.2	15.44	15.64	15.25
	693.25	727.30	701.50	44.1	45.8	45.2	15.72	15.88	15.52
MINING	556.72	574.53	530.20	47.3	47.6	45.2	11.77	12.07	11.73
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	514.52	535.90	547.35	40.9	41.9	41.0	12.58	12.79	13.35
BANKING	287.75	281.23	276.02	40.7	37.8	37.2	7.07	7.44	7.42

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 126,500 full- and part-time workers in manufacturing and 89,300 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

PRELIMINARY AUGUST 1989

REVISED JULY 1989

REVISED AUGUST 1988

(in thousands)	Labor Force			Unemp.			Rate			Labor Force			Unemp.			Rate		
	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,908.0	1,749.5	158.5	8.3	1,965.3	1,773.6	191.7	9.8	1,924.4	1,710.9	213.5	11.1						
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:																		
Alexandria 1/	60.3	55.1	5.2	8.6	61.9	55.7	6.2	10.0	60.3	53.9	6.4	10.6						
Baton Rouge 2/	267.6	247.6	20.0	7.5	274.4	250.3	24.1	8.8	269.4	242.6	26.8	10.0						
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	70.5	65.0	5.5	7.8	72.6	66.5	6.1	8.4	69.2	62.0	7.2	10.4						
Lafayette 4/	99.6	92.7	6.9	6.9	102.0	93.5	8.5	8.3	100.9	90.9	10.0	10.0						
Lake Charles 5/	75.2	69.1	6.1	8.1	78.4	71.0	7.4	9.4	76.1	67.1	9.0	11.8						
Monroe 6/	67.7	62.6	5.1	7.6	70.1	63.7	6.4	9.2	68.5	61.3	7.2	10.6						
New Orleans 7/	600.2	554.4	45.8	7.6	616.4	561.9	54.5	8.8	602.9	544.0	58.9	9.8						
Shreveport 8/	155.8	142.5	13.3	8.5	159.8	143.9	15.9	10.0	161.8	144.3	17.5	10.8						

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index		% Change from		% Change from	
	Aug	Jul	Prior Month	Prior Year	Prior Year	Prior Year
August 1988	119.0					
August 1989	124.6		+ 0.2		+ 4.7	

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

PRELIMINARY AUGUST 89

REVISED JULY 89

	LABOR				LABOR			
	FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,800	19,850	1,950	9.0	22,650	20,175	2,475	10.9
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,475	8,550	925	9.8	9,750	8,700	1,050	10.9
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,025	5,300	725	12.1	6,400	5,525	875	13.7
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,025	13,725	2,300	14.3	16,225	13,725	2,500	15.4
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,475	12,375	1,100	8.2	13,850	12,525	1,325	9.6
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,825	6,200	625	9.3	7,050	6,300	750	10.6
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	3,975	3,625	350	8.6	4,100	3,675	425	10.4
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,800	4,550	250	5.3	4,950	4,650	300	6.1
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,950	3,475	475	12.3	4,300	3,575	725	16.8
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,050	7,350	700	8.8	8,250	7,400	850	10.4
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,175	9,075	1,100	10.8	10,725	9,275	1,450	13.5
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,475	11,375	1,100	8.8	12,975	11,575	1,400	10.8
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,950	3,350	600	15.2	4,200	3,400	800	19.0
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,425	6,750	675	9.1	7,775	6,925	850	10.9
VILLE PLATTE (EVANGELINE)	13,150	11,850	1,300	9.8	13,700	12,100	1,600	11.7
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	7,875	7,050	825	10.5	8,225	7,200	1,025	12.5
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,025	6,300	725	10.5	7,350	6,450	900	12.3
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	25,900	23,625	2,275	8.8	26,675	23,950	2,725	10.2
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,200	9,750	1,450	12.9	11,700	9,925	1,775	15.2
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,575	6,075	500	7.6	6,750	6,175	575	8.4
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,275	10,100	1,175	10.5	11,725	10,275	1,450	12.4
JENA (LASALLE)	6,475	6,000	475	7.4	6,725	6,050	675	10.0
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	16,875	16,175	700	4.2	17,375	16,450	925	5.3
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,350	4,700	650	12.3	5,675	4,800	875	15.3
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,175	10,950	1,225	10.0	12,750	11,175	1,575	12.3
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,375	14,950	1,425	8.8	16,900	15,100	1,800	10.6
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUEM.)	8,450	7,775	675	7.9	8,675	7,875	800	9.2
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,375	6,175	1,200	16.4	7,675	6,150	1,525	20.0
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,325	3,825	500	11.3	4,400	3,900	500	11.4
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,700	7,875	825	9.5	9,000	7,975	1,025	11.3
MANY (SABINE)	9,750	9,075	675	7.0	10,150	9,225	925	9.1
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,725	2,425	300	11.4	2,850	2,450	400	13.7
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	7,600	6,750	850	11.3	8,000	6,975	1,025	12.8
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,625	26,900	3,725	12.2	31,775	27,125	4,650	14.6
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,300	21,925	2,375	9.8	25,200	22,300	2,900	11.6
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,625	33,375	4,250	11.3	39,250	33,675	5,575	14.2
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,125	2,850	275	8.8	3,225	2,875	350	10.9
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,500	7,725	775	9.3	8,625	7,725	900	10.5
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,750	17,025	1,725	9.2	19,425	17,150	2,275	11.7
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,325	17,025	1,300	7.1	18,950	17,375	1,575	8.3
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,350	16,550	1,800	9.8	18,775	16,700	2,075	11.1
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,425	17,175	2,250	11.6	19,950	17,400	2,550	12.8
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,525	3,850	675	14.7	4,850	3,950	900	18.7
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,050	3,700	350	8.5	4,200	3,775	425	10.1
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,900	5,425	475	8.3	5,975	5,425	550	9.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT MSAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change From	
				July 1989	August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.0	45.0	45.0	0	0
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.5	3.2	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	0.8	0	+ 0.2
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.2	2.1	2.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.6	10.6	10.9	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	8.8	8.8	9.0	0	- 0.2
General Merchandise	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
Auto Dlr. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.4	11.5	11.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.2	5.2	5.1	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.4	12.4	12.3	0	+ 0.1
Federal	3.1	3.1	2.8	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	9.3	9.3	9.5	0	- 0.2
State	4.4	4.4	4.6	0	- 0.2
Local	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,000 for August. This estimate was unchanged from last month and from August, 1988.

Employment in manufacturing was unchanged from the previous month, but increased by 300 from August of last year. The increase was in other durable goods and other nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing employment for August was estimated at 41,500. This estimate was the same as last month, and 300 less than August, 1988. The decrease from last year was centered in the areas of construction and wholesale and retail trade.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change From	
				July 1989	August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	219.4	219.5	218.0	- 0.1	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	19.9	19.8	19.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Durable Goods	4.5	4.4	4.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 3.1
Fabricated Metal Products	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.4	15.4	15.0	0	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.8	10.8	10.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.4	0	+ 0.2
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	24.3	24.4	24.8	- 0.1	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	10.4	10.4	10.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.4	53.3	52.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	11.9	11.9	11.6	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.2	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	41.5	41.4	41.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.5	13.8	0	- 0.3
Banking	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	46.3	46.4	45.9	- 0.1	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	50.6	50.7	50.2	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	48.2	48.3	47.9	- 0.1	+ 0.3
State	25.5	25.5	25.2	0	+ 0.3
Local	22.7	22.8	22.7	- 0.1	0

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	\$566.72	\$572.02	\$557.24	44.0	43.9	42.7	\$12.88	\$13.03	\$13.05
Petro-Chemicals	723.68	728.23	731.43	45.4	45.6	45.8	15.94	15.97	15.97

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA declined 100 in August to 219,400, a figure 1,400 higher than the year-ago level. Manufacturing employment, after two consecutive months of stability, edged upward while nonmanufacturing edged downward.

Manufacturing employment, at 19,900 in August, reached its highest level since December, 1985. Durable goods, up 100, was the only industry that reported job gains. All other sectors of manufacturing showed no change over the month. However, over the year, manufacturing employment increased 700 with nondurable goods accounting for more than half of the upturn.

Nonmanufacturing employment, after strong advances in July, was down 200 in August, but up 700 from the year-ago level. Employment in construction dropped 100. An increase in heavy construction offset losses in general building and special trade contractors. All sectors of trade remained stable with the exception of retail trade which was up 100 due to a new family clothing store opening in this area. Also the largest reported growth in nonmanufacturing in the last year occurred in trade. Finance, insurance, and real estate remained stable over the month, but showed a significant loss of 300 from the year-ago level. The loss was primarily in insurance. Less demand for temporary help services caused a decrease of 100 in services. Government reported a seasonal loss of 100.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 13,100 production workers in all manufacturing was \$566.72 for August, a decrease of \$5.30 from the July average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up \$9.48. Average weekly hours at 44.0, increased 0.1 hours, while hourly earnings at \$12.88 decreased \$0.15 per hour. Overtime worked without premium pay contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 267,600 for the month of August. The local unemployment rate also declined to 7.5 percent. Employment at 247,600, and unemployment at 20,000, were both on the decline for August.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,763 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 2,720 referrals to current openings resulted in 250 placements during the month of August.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change From	
				July 1989	August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.8	55.3	53.8	- 0.5	+ 1.0
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.6	4.8	- 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.1	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.7	1.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	6.0	6.3	6.0	- 0.3	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.3	6.2	6.3	+ 0.1	0
Water Transportation	4.0	3.9	4.0	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.0	13.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
Retail Trade	10.9	10.8	10.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.3	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	9.5	9.6	9.1	- 0.1	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.5	9.7	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.9	10.0	9.2	- 0.1	+ 0.7
State	2.7	2.8	2.2	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Local	7.2	7.2	7.0	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA in August moved down to 54,800, a level 500 below July. The decrease was mostly in nonmanufacturing. Since August, 1988, nonagricultural employment added 1,000 workers.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,500, down 100 from the previous month. The nondurable goods segment exhibited a small decrease largely in food processing. The durable goods segment was unchanged.

Mining made sizable downward adjustments, reflecting a continuation of problems concerning costs of production and prices received for what was produced. Water transportation edged up seasonally. Retail trade employment was higher due to more business in eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance, and real estate exhibited a small decrease spread through several segments. Services showed a slight general downturn. State government tapered off in services other than educational.

Estimated unemployment was 5,500 in August. Unemployment presently comprises 7.8 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 987.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change From	
				July 1989	August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	86.3	86.1	86.3	+ 0.2	0
MANUFACTURING	7.1	6.9	7.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	1.9	1.7	1.9	+ 0.2	0
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.2	5.1	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
MINING	11.6	11.6	11.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.5	3.6	3.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.0	6.1	6.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLSALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.6	23.4	23.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.5	5.4	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	18.1	17.9	18.1	+ 0.2	0
General Merchandise	3.0	2.9	3.0	+ 0.1	0
Food Stores	2.8	2.7	2.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.5	10.5	10.7	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.8	18.7	19.1	+ 0.1	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.2	12.3	11.9	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.5	11.6	11.1	- 0.1	+ 0.4
State	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Local	7.8	7.9	7.3	- 0.1	+ 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 86,300, an increase of 200 from last month's revised estimate.

Manufacturing rose by 200 to an estimated level of 7,100. The gain was centered in the durable goods sector of the economy. Trade increased by 200 from July's estimate due to an increase in employment at department stores and food stores in the area. Services was up by 100 due to seasonal gains in the educational services sector.

All other sectors showed little or no change from last month's estimate.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change From	
				July 1989	August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	60.2	61.4	59.4	- 1.2	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	10.7	10.7	11.1	0	- 0.4
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.7	0	- 0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.6	0	- 0.4
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.4	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	5.5	5.4	4.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.1	4.3	4.0	- 0.2	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.1	14.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
Retail Trade	11.5	11.5	11.5	0	0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.5	2.4	- 0.1	0
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	11.9	12.1	11.9	- 0.2	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.6	0.5	- 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	10.3	11.2	10.3	- 0.9	0
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.7	10.6	9.7	- 0.9	0
State	3.0	2.9	3.0	+ 0.1	0
Local	6.7	7.7	6.7	- 1.0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 60,200, a decrease of 1,200 from the July, 1989 level. The loss primarily occurred in government and reflects the end of summer youth employment.

Construction continues to expand in August, up 100 from July's level. The expansion was concentrated in the heavy construction area of the economy. Transportation and public utilities experienced a loss of 200 in August. Services was down by 200 from July's estimate with the loss centered in the personal services and educational services sectors. Government declined by 900 reflecting the end of summer youth employment.

All other sectors of the local economy were unchanged from last month.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change From	
				July 1989	August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.3	54.8	54.0	- 0.5	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	7.1	7.1	7.4	0	- 0.3
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	2.1	0	- 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.9	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.3	5.3	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.1	4.1	4.0	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.8	13.7	13.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.6	3.9	0	- 0.3
Retail Trade	10.2	10.1	10.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.3	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.2	4.4	0	- 0.2
Banking	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.1	12.3	11.8	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.4	0	0
GOVERNMENT	11.3	11.8	10.6	- 0.5	+ 0.7
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.7	11.2	10.0	- 0.5	+ 0.7
State	4.0	4.1	3.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Local	6.7	7.1	6.3	- 0.4	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment estimated at 54,300 was down 500 from the July estimate of 54,800. The loss was primarily in government and reflects the ending of the summer youth programs for disadvantaged youth.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,100, was unchanged over the month.

Construction was up 100 as work continues following the earlier hail storm. Wholesale and retail trade was up 100 due to a gain in the retail trade segment. Services was down 200 due to termination of summer employment at membership organizations.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1988*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change From July 1989	August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	520.4	522.1	519.8	- 1.7	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	43.7	43.7	43.2	0	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	22.8	22.9	22.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.1	2.3	0	- 0.2
Machinery	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Transportation Equipment	14.1	14.2	13.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.5	10.5	10.1	0	+ 0.4
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	20.9	20.8	20.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	6.1	5.9	5.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.7	3.6	- 0.1	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.3	0	+ 0.1
MINING	15.1	15.2	15.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.2	14.3	14.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	23.0	22.9	23.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.6	44.6	44.8	0	- 0.2
Railroad Transportation	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	13.6	13.6	13.5	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.7	135.1	135.2	- 0.4	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	33.1	33.2	32.1	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.8	18.8	18.5	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	14.3	14.4	13.6	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Retail Trade	101.6	101.9	103.1	- 0.3	- 1.5
General Merchandise	13.1	13.2	13.9	- 0.1	- 0.8
Food Stores	20.0	20.1	20.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	34.5	34.6	34.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.2	33.2	33.9	0	- 0.7
Banking	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	0
SERVICES	137.2	137.6	137.0	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12.9	13.1	13.0	- 0.2	- 0.1
Health Services	38.3	38.3	37.3	0	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	88.9	89.8	87.3	- 0.9	+ 1.6
Federal	16.4	16.4	16.1	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	72.5	73.4	71.2	- 0.9	+ 1.3
State	17.7	17.7	18.1	0	- 0.4
Local	54.8	55.7	53.1	- 0.9	+ 1.7

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**
All MANUFACTURING	\$434.84	\$436.00	\$429.91	40.3	40.0	41.1	\$10.79	\$10.90	\$10.46
Durable Goods	387.30	382.91	381.10	39.4	38.6	40.2	9.83	9.92	9.48
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pmts.	296.69	308.14	266.10	31.1	31.0	30.0	9.54	9.94	8.87
Fabricated Metal Products	395.85	409.28	442.58	40.6	41.3	45.3	9.75	9.91	9.77
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	359.39	351.53	351.34	39.8	38.8	39.3	9.03	9.06	8.94
Nondurable Goods	487.34	492.66	486.99	41.3	41.4	42.1	11.80	11.90	11.52
Food & Kindred Products	307.21	321.10	322.03	36.1	37.6	38.2	8.51	8.54	8.43
Apparel & Other Textile Pmts.	217.44	188.16	178.50	37.9	33.6	35.0	5.79	5.60	5.10
Paper & Allied Products	369.79	416.76	412.53	43.2	46.0	47.2	8.56	9.06	8.74
Printing & Publishing	376.70	364.21	385.83	38.4	38.5	39.9	9.81	9.46	9.67
Chemicals & Allied Pmts.	772.66	757.22	741.48	47.2	46.2	47.5	16.37	16.39	15.61

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA in August decreased to 520,400, a level 1,700 below July. Seasonal losses in nonmanufacturing were responsible for this decrease. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 600 workers, with the largest increases in government and manufacturing.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,700, remaining at the same level as the previous month. An increase in durable goods was offset by a decrease in nondurable goods. Transportation equipment was down 100 due to less business. Food and kindred products was boosted by a gain in bakery products. Printing and publishing exhibited a downturn of 100 that reflected seasonal factors.

Mining adjusted downward. Construction showed minor upward movement. Transportation and public utilities registered no change from the previous month. Wholesale and retail trade lost workers primarily in the retail trade segment. Finance, insurance, and real estate held steady. Services exhibited an overall decrease. Local government made normal seasonal downward adjustments.

Production workers in the area earned an average of \$434.84 per week in August, down \$1.16 from last month's average. Compared to last year, weekly earnings are up \$4.93 in manufacturing. Average weekly hours were 40.3, up 0.3 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were \$10.79, down \$0.11 from the previous month.

Estimated unemployment for August was 45,800. The unemployment rate was 7.6 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 8,975.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change From	
				July 1989	August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	125.8	125.9	129.2	- 0.1	- 3.4
MANUFACTURING	17.8	17.6	18.0	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Durable Goods	12.7	12.5	12.8	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.2	7.0	7.4	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.1	2.1	1.7	0	+ 0.4
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.1	4.9	5.7	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Other Durable Goods	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Good	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
MINING	3.2	3.1	3.2	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	6.2	6.1	6.8	+ 0.1	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.0	8.1	8.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.4	31.7	31.8	- 0.3	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.4	7.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	24.1	24.3	24.4	- 0.2	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.0	6.2	6.5	- 0.2	- 0.5
SERVICES	30.7	30.4	31.6	+ 0.3	- 0.9
GOVERNMENT	22.5	22.7	23.2	- 0.2	- 0.7
Federal	5.0	4.9	4.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	17.5	17.8	18.3	- 0.3	- 0.8
State	6.0	6.0	5.9	0	+ 0.1
Local	11.5	11.8	12.4	- 0.3	- 0.9

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**
All MANUFACTURING	\$448.54	\$464.09	\$485.97	41.0	41.4	41.5	\$10.94	\$11.21	\$11.71
Lumber and Wood Products	422.70	431.66	293.76	46.4	45.2	38.3	9.11	9.55	7.67
Metals and Machinery	432.01	467.36	513.16	44.4	47.4	45.9	9.73	9.86	11.18
Food and Kindred Products	379.72	316.50	349.32	44.0	42.2	37.4	8.63	7.50	9.34
Printing and Publishing	318.50	289.14	343.28	32.6	30.5	35.1	9.77	9.48	9.78
Petroleum and Coal Products	631.33	652.89	558.93	49.4	50.3	46.5	12.78	12.98	12.02

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimate in the Shreveport MSA decreased slightly to 125,800, down from the July estimate of 125,900, and shows a substantial drop from the August, 1988 figure of 129,200. The employment gain in manufacturing between July and August was not enough to offset job losses in the nonmanufacturing sectors.

Total manufacturing employment, estimated at 17,800, moved up from 17,600 in July with increased durable goods productions. The manufacturing employment total still falls below the August, 1988 estimate of 18,000.

The services sector had the largest job increase of all nonmanufacturing industries during the past month. The increase occurred primarily in health services. The additional small gains in mining and construction employment fell short in offsetting job losses in transportation and public utilities, trade, finance, insurance, and real estate, and government. Jobs in total nonmanufacturing dropped from 108,300 to 108,000 between July and August.

The Shreveport MSA had an estimated 13,000 production workers in manufacturing that had average weekly earnings of \$448.54, a decrease of \$15.55 from July and down \$37.43 from last year. Average weekly hours of 41.0 moved down from 41.4 in July and 41.5 one year ago. Average hourly earnings decreased to \$10.94, down \$0.27 from last month and \$0.77 from August, 1988.

The civilian labor force of this area, estimated at 155,800, includes 142,500 employed and 13,300 unemployed. The unemployment rate for August was 8.5 percent.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1980

Industry	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	1,644	1,386	258	34	33	1	26	19	7
Contract Construction (15-17)	7,813	5,182	2,631	205	149	56	1,616	1,176	440
Manufacturing (20-29)	4,507	2,384	2,123	132	47	85	206	120	86
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	1,678	930	748	41	27	14	158	88	70
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,185	804	381	62	46	16	150	99	51
Retail Trade (52-59)	6,001	3,392	2,609	205	130	75	517	282	235
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,452	1,077	375	37	29	8	217	174	43
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	8,915	4,556	4,359	461	217	244	1,123	558	565
Public Administration (91-97)	1,427	673	754	55	37	18	204	103	101
All Others	103	34	69	1	0	1	24	7	17
Totals	34,725	20,418	14,307	1,233	715	518	4,241	2,606	1,635
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	5,058	3,737	1,321	139	108	31	728	514	214
Clerical and Sales	8,435	5,724	2,711	291	225	66	958	611	347
Services Occupations	4,443	1,228	3,215	291	68	223	453	128	325
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	294	123	171	23	15	8	17	8	9
Processing Occupations	885	440	445	11	5	6	43	27	16
Machine Trades	1,646	1,071	575	88	35	53	198	147	51
Benchwork Occupations	1,410	762	648	23	9	14	52	34	18
Structural Work Occupations	7,690	4,817	2,873	229	160	69	1,458	982	476
Miscellaneous Occupations	4,864	2,516	2,348	138	90	48	334	155	179
Totals	34,725	20,418	14,307	1,233	715	518	4,241	2,606	1,635

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1989

Industry	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	127	106	21	286	254	32	46	40	6
Contract Construction (15-17)	191	153	38	177	124	53	365	291	74
Manufacturing (20-29)	339	266	73	170	78	92	38	27	11
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	74	60	14	50	40	10	51	30	21
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	21	59	12	44	36	8	27	22	5
Retail Trade (52-59)	174	127	47	335	193	142	178	130	48
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	27	20	7	61	45	16	34	23	11
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 91-99)	168	133	35	323	201	122	242	156	86
Public Administration (91-97)	41	25	16	45	22	23	28	20	8
All Others	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Totals	1,207	939	268	1,493	993	500	1,009	748	261
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	122	109	13	279	226	53	139	112	27
Clerical and Sales	200	172	28	411	328	83	261	211	50
Services Occupations	106	49	57	224	87	137	87	34	53
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	14	9	5	8	5	3	4	3	1
Processing Occupations	226	181	45	67	19	48	17	11	6
Machine Trades	62	50	12	65	46	19	39	32	7
Benchmark Occupations	8	6	2	31	18	13	13	11	2
Structural Work Occupations	283	226	57	180	119	61	316	247	69
Miscellaneous Occupations	186	137	49	228	145	83	133	87	46
Totals	1,207	939	268	1,493	993	500	1,009	748	261

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 14th OF AUGUST 1949

Industry	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	15	14	1	139	106	33	90	83	7
Contract Construction (15-17)	137	100	37	1,916	1,124	792	365	234	131
Manufacturing (20-29)	254	163	91	872	630	442	599	343	256
Transp., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	26	17	9	800	343	457	101	66	35
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	19	17	2	427	263	164	156	107	49
Retail Trade (52-59)	190	114	76	2,570	1,313	1,257	492	230	262
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	42	37	5	670	453	217	172	126	46
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 91-99)	280	144	136	3,101	1,517	1,584	797	372	425
Public Administration (91-97)	24	14	10	328	122	206	187	64	103
All Others	2	0	2	54	18	36	2	1	1
Totals	994	620	374	10,877	5,689	5,188	2,941	1,626	1,315
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	173	131	42	1,892	1,400	492	382	287	95
Clerical and Sales	266	195	71	3,362	2,005	1,357	752	534	218
Services Occupations	101	28	73	1,607	359	1,248	460	82	378
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	4	1	3	52	17	35	26	8	18
Processing Occupations	10	5	5	149	44	105	19	9	10
Machine Trades	133	83	50	393	234	159	158	82	76
Benchwork Occupations	60	33	27	180	93	87	339	190	149
Structural Work Occupations	121	80	41	1,809	946	863	426	261	165
Miscellaneous Occupations	126	64	62	1,433	591	842	379	173	206
Totals	994	620	374	10,877	5,689	5,188	2,941	1,626	1,315

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